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W. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, 16th January, 1897.

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FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,
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JUST LANDED
A NEW AND LARGE STOCK OF
BOOTS AND SHOES

OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY
FOR
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN
ALSO FOR

BOYS AND GIRLS.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [28]
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G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

do. 1 doz quart.....\$33 per case.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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Hongkong, 23th February, 1807.

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YUEN WO. C L O B.
TELEPHONE, No. 135. \$12 PER DOZEN.
SOLE AGENTS:—
CANDY PRICES:—

GANDY PRICE & CO.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
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Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [16]

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.
THIS WELL-KNOWN ESTABLISHMENT
RE-OPENED!

RE-OPENED! (1) RE-OPENED!
 ON the 15th JANUARY for the transaction of business as heretofore under
 ENTIRELY.

NEW MANAGEMENT.

In making this announcement the Undersigned respectfully **INVITES INSPECTION** his Premises, and, while expressing gratitude for past favours, trusts that the

For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY CO.,
per C. CAMPBELL.

W. POWELL & CO.
FOR

**RACING COLOURS,
RACING COLOURS,**

RACING COLOURS.

Intimation.

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES
FROM THE CELEBRATED
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COOLALTA WINES which we are introducing here for the first time give an exceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality, Bouquet, and soft delicate flavor; and being the natural product of the grape, they are specially recommended by the Medical Faculty of New South Wales.

COOLALTA WINES have obtained the HIGHEST AWARDS at all the principal International Exhibitions of the World.

A careful Analysis of these Wines was recently made by the Government of New South Wales. They were found to be PERFECTLY PURE, SOUND AND THOROUGHLY FERMENTED WINES.

SAMPLES may be had FREE on application to

W. O. CAMPBELL, Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [245]

To-day's Advertisements.



Hang out the banners on the outward wall,
The cry is still they come.

FUNCHON DE GALA TO-NIGHT
WILLISON'S CIRCUS.

EVERY EVENING AT 9 P.M.

Doors Open an hour earlier.

This is truly a Royal Show, having had the Honor of Entertaining the noblest Potentates in the land and unfolding a series of World Wide Wonders Beneath our Snow White Tents.

THIS (SATURDAY) NIGHT FESTIVAL,
commencing at 9 P.M.
SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS
See Handbills for Particulars.

NEXT MONDAY,
The Great International
TUG-OF-WAR.

\$200 CASH PRIZES \$200
Nothing like it ever seen before.
Nothing like it ever seen again.
BERT WILLISON.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [244]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1897.
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
the 17th, 18th, and 19th February.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd. Price \$5 for the Meeting.
TICKETS for the DAY may be Purchased at the Gate; Price \$3 each.
No one admitted without a TICKET, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [240]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE during the RACES on the 17th, 18th and 19th last.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [241]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the RACE DAYS without TICKETS, which can be had on Application to the Undersigned.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [242]

AUCTION.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by AUCTION
OR
TUESDAY, the 23rd FEBRUARY, 1897,
AT 3 P.M.
Opposite the CITY HALL
One rejected SUBSCRIPTION-GRIFFIN and upwards of FIFTY PONIES.

Suitable for Racing, Polo, etc. Selections from the Largest Stables.
Further entries received until NOON on day of Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [243]

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last at the Rate of ONE POUND AND FIVE SHILLINGS Sterling per Share of \$125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY the 15th February current at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [238]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th instant respectively:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
G. G. F. AGUSTIN,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, NAO NABEKURA,
Agent.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [299]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO
YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI,
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE Company's Steamship

"PRIAM,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [218]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [296]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.
MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU.
(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the principal Cities in the UNITED STATES, CANADA AND EUROPE, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship
"SAKURA MARU,"
Captain Brady, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports must be in QUADRUPLET, and one Copy should be mailed to the care of the FREIGHT AGENT, Great Northern Railway, Seattle, Wash., by the same Steamer.
For further Particulars as to Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [294]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [297]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR LONDON,
VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)
THE Company's Steamship
"NINGCHOW,"
H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 5th March.
For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [274]

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship
"SAKURA MARU,"
having arrived from above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods on or before MONDAY the 15th instant, at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [295]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 16th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wharfedale.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [295]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"BOMBAY,"
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are hereby landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 19th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [5]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "PREUSSEN."
THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chained and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M.
All Claims must reach us before the 20th instant, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [228]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [247]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.
Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.
Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.
While the columns of the "Hongkong Telegraph" will always be open for the free discussion of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not act as any kind of mediator or arbitrator in disputes between individuals or between individuals and corporations.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this paper to the "Hongkong Telegraph" at least 24 hours before the day of publication, and to send the copy to the Editor's office, not to the printer's office.
The "Hongkong Telegraph" has the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East, and it therefore has the best chance of being read by the widest possible circle of readers.
The "Hongkong Telegraph" is published daily, except on Sundays and Public Holidays, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London-House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES AND SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1895. [6]

BIRTHS.

At 79, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on the 12th instant, the wife of GUSTAV MELCHERS, of a daughter.

At 8, Park Lane, Shanghai, on the 12th instant, the wife of E. MOLLOY, I. M. Customs, of a daughter.

At Nanking, on the 4th instant, the wife of the Rev. W. N. COZZIES, American Presbyterian Mission, of a daughter.

At No. 7, Kikiang Road, Shanghai, on the 15th instant, the wife of OTTO MUESS, of a daughter.

At "Maplehurst," Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, on the 7th instant, the wife of J. R. TWENTYMAN, of a son.

At 10, Sans Souci Terrace, Shanghai, on the 8th inst. the wife of H. GENSBERGER, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on the 12th instant, by the Ven. Archdeacon PARKER, ROBERT CUMMING HENDRIX, to ELIZABETH, daughter of the late John Robson.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 5th instant, ERNEST STROMMANN, late 3rd Engineer of steamship "Yungwo," aged 24 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

INDIA'S MISFORTUNES.
LONDON, February 11th.
The plague in Bombay shows a heavy increase, and the famine is the worst known in the century.

THE DISTURBANCES IN CRETE.
The Mussulmans have fired the town of Retimo.

GREECE AND CRETE.
The excitement in Athens continues. Greece has addressed a note to the Powers, saying that she cannot remain a mere spectator of events in Crete.

The torpedo flotilla under the command of Prince George of Greece has sailed for Crete.

THE NIGER EXPEDITION.
The Niger Expedition has captured Bida after a hard fight against a force of 30,000 men.

(Special to China Gazette.)
THE CHINESE RAILWAYS.
SHENG SCORES AGAIN!
HANKOW, February 11th.
The Hankow-Peking (Lu Che-ko) Railway Board have taken over the administration of the Tientsin-Peking-Shankai Railway from the 1st instant, under powers granted by an Imperial Decree. By this means, Director-General Sheng obtains complete control over all Chinese railways at present in existence, and those about to be constructed in the northern half of China, and is placed in such a position that he will be able to raise the necessary capital for the construction of the line from Peking to Hankow by giving in part security the northern railway system. It is believed that having got things into such a favorable shape, he will be able to set to work upon the trunk line without much further loss of time.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ENTRAPH for cricketers—"over."

THE R. E. Recreation Club won the football match against the Colts this afternoon by a goal to nil.

MR. CH. R. WEHRUNG has been appointed co-manager of the Russo-Chinese Bank at Shanghai.

LORD ASHBURTON's yacht "Vesta," in command of Capt. John Caws, arrived at Singapore from Ceylon on the 3rd instant.

ADMIRAL JOSEPH SHERRETT U.S.N., at one time in command of the U.S. Asiatic squadron, died at Washington on New Year's day.

THE net profit made by Langkildt & Co., Ltd., Yokohama, in the past half-year was \$32,580, and it is proposed to pay a dividend of 20 per cent.

CITY MISSIONARY (to Chinese convert): "What is the leading doctrine of Christianity? Chinese Wishes Man: 'Kid throw stone; smash glass; no can catches; forgiveness.'"

THE cotton spinning companies in Japan in the latter half of 1896 paid dividends ranging between 8 and 10 per cent. per annum, and all made additions to their reserve funds. The average profit per spindle ranged from \$1.45 to \$5.08.

CHEUNG SAM, a boarding-house runner, was charged at the Magistracy to-day with boarding the steamship "Chelydra" without obtaining permission from the captain. A fine of \$50, with the alternative of a month's hard labour, will probably be the result of the case.

MR. George Peabody Superintending Engineer of the China Navigation Co., was presented by the Company's engineers at Shanghai with a handsome silver tea and coffee service on the 8th instant. The presentation took place at the Marine Engineers' Institute and was made by Mr. Campbell in the presence of a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen.

THE Cricket match between Hongkong Cricket Club and United Service was completed to-day on the Club's ground. The United Service team made 185 in their first innings, Lieut. Wood, W.V. (56) and Sir R. Arbuthnot (41) being the highest scorers. In the Hongkong Cricket Club's second innings, 153 runs were made. Ward contributing 41, Sercombe-Smith 24, and Gillingham 20. Wood was the United Service's best bowler to-day and Sercombe-Smith and Maitland bowled in good style for the local men.

PROFESSOR HARTKINE has, according to the "Bombay Gazette," succeeded in elaborating a vaccine as a prophylactic for plague. He has experimented with it on himself without undergoing any greater inconvenience than a slight attack of fever, raising the temperature to 102 deg. F. and a slight headache, both disappearing within twenty-four hours. Several medical men have been inoculated with the vaccine with very similar effects. A small quantity of the vaccine has been given to a few medical practitioners, with the request that they carefully watch the effect of the application of the vaccine, and report on it to the Health Officer and Professor Hartkine.

Two Chinamen, Leung Kan, and Yau Ying Hop proceeded to the prohibited area of Tai-ping-shan and with the aid of some coolies removed 6 baskets of tiles. Mr. C. E. Warren, overseer, chanced to see them "daylight plunderers" at their job and had them arrested. The two Celestials who sought to blame each other for the leadership of the "expedition" were awarded 45 days' hard labour by Capt. Hastings to-day.

The first of the accused called himself a "Christian preacher" and wore European clothes. He has been in the habit of holding forth in a hall in New Street, and this lapse from grace will probably have a salutary effect on his congregation.

In his "Weekly Share List" issued to-day Mr. Erich Georg says a fair business has been transacted during the week and rates in many cases show an improvement. Respecting "Fires" he says:—Hongkong Fires changed hands to a fair extent at \$375 to \$385, closing with buyers at \$385; the report to be issued to-day, and in which a dividend of \$25 per share will be recommended, will be particularly in my next circular. China Fires receded to \$110, but close steadier with sales at \$112. As regards "Shipping" Mr. Georg reports:—The market has been very active for most stocks under this heading. Hongkong, Canton and Macao ruled somewhat erratic with large sales from \$34 to \$334 for cash and end of month. Private advices from the north reported settlement of the Yangtze Pool, but as this report has not been confirmed so far, the market is slightly weaker and shares are obtainable at \$135. My own information from the north is to the effect that negotiations were going on very favorably. Indo-China have been in strong demand, principally for the north, and I have to report sales at \$44 to \$47 cash, \$45 to \$48 for 28th instant, \$47 to \$48 for 31st March, and at \$50 for 30th June. A few China and Manilla rates at \$58, market closing with buyers at that rate. Douglases changed hands at \$61 to \$62, closing quiet with sales at \$62, possibly \$61, per share. China Mutuals unchanged; I hear that the usual final dividend of 3 per cent. (=6 shillings per share) will be paid on the preference shares. Doctas have improved, Mr. Georg being able to report that the Co.'s shares have sold in fairly large quantities at 231 to 229 per cent. prem. for cash and equivalent rates further ahead; the slight weakness, which made itself felt during the middle of the week, has given way to a firmer tone, and shares are in demand at 230 per cent. prem. cash, and on time at rather better rates in proportion to the cash rate.

For stealing salt fish valued \$15 from Ng Hong Cheung, a shop-keeper, Chun Chua was sent to prison for 3 months with hard labour. The "steal" was not at all in good taste, judging from what we have seen of salted fish in these parts and Chun's quarter of a year's hard labour will probably send him forth with an altered idea regarding the delicacy.

YUNG CHUN, a shopkeeper, was charged at the Magistracy to-day with unlawfully receiving fifty rolls of cotton cloth, value \$57, the property of Li Yuen Shek, knowing them to be stolen goods. Inspector Stanton, who got an inkling of the affair yesterday, ordered his arrest and Capt. Hastings awarded him 3 months' "retirement" from public life. The goods had been stolen from a store in Hillier Street, the premises having been opened with duplicate keys.

THE Times of January 1st contains the appended notice of the marriage of the sister of the late W. H. R. Carew, who died from arsenic poisoning at Yokohama in October last:—

LORING—CAREW.—On the 30th December, at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, by the Rev. R. B. Harrison, Francis William Loring, Esq., of Boston, U.S.A., and Florence, Italy, to Caroline Lyttelton, youngest daughter of the late W. H. R. Carew, Esq., of Antony, Cornwall.

MR. Cashinath S. Moorker writes to the "Times of India" respecting an alleged cure for the bubonic plague as follows:—For the information of the public the following few lines may kindly be inserted in a corner of your most valuable journal:—That one man, by name Mr. Vahram Babaji Nalk, residing in the building of the Shri Durgadevi Temple, behind the Duncan-road, and carrying on business of a firewood seller in the Fifth Caminsters-road, has discovered a good medicine for the current bubonic fever, and he has, during the last four and a half months, cured more than five hundred cases of this disease. For the internal use he gives some mixture in brandy and for the external, on the glands, he gives some ointment prepared by him. Though he is not a man of means he has not received a single pie from anybody, and also he has resolved to continue this charitable course till he tells his own cooking pots. His door is always open to the sufferers at any hour of the day any night.

It is a curious fact and one not generally known even in the Philippines that Dr. Rizal was on his father's side of pure Japanese descent, his grand father, a Japanese trader, having emigrated to Manila some 70 years ago, and married an Indian woman. The family name was Riza, which gradually grew into Rizal. The father of the doctor was, according to the "China Gazette," a lawyer in Manila, and took a large share in the politics of his day. Formerly there were a considerable number of Japanese in the archipelago. To-day there are barely half-a-dozen—all in Manila. By the new treaty concluded between Japan and Spain the latter concedes "most-favoured nation" treatment to Japanese subjects in the Philippines and agrees to impose no restrictions upon immigrants from the Land of the Rising Sun, whereas the Chinese, the most industrious and enterprising traders and workmen in the islands, are heavily taxed, openly squeezed, and poll-taxed. They pay \$30 each on entering, but no one knows except themselves how much they have to disgorge when they wish to return to China.

FROM Messrs. Kelly & Walsh we have received Part I. of "Victims of the Camera," a series of photographs illustrating racial characteristics, by George Uvedale Price, Esq. The book is in the form of an album, neatly bound in an illustrated pink cover and contains five large plates, reproduced from photographs by the collotype process, so much admired for its softness of tone. The illustration on the cover is of four Chinese beggars, or sham cripples, of the usual type to be met with at every street corner in Hongkong at the time of any Chinese festival. Part I. shows a group of eight North Formosan aborigines, their dress, and general appearance to perfection. The faces and physique of these Formosans strongly remind one of the hill tribes of the Malay Archipelago, and the dress, consisting of a short skirt, called by the Malays sarong, and the more primitive waistcloth and a short jacket, are identical with the clothing actually worn by the tribes above mentioned. Plate II. is an admirable study of a couple of Indian jugglers and snake charmers with the very miscellaneous properties used in their exhibitions. A fine cobra is raising its head from the basket, with hood fully expanded, attracted by the music of the gourd pipe and tom-tom which the men are playing. The figure in Plate III. (described in the index as a Buddhist nun) is certainly not a nun, unless the word in Buddhist literature has a different meaning from the ordinary. The face is emphatically a man's face and the lower limbs are evidently clothed in the trousers of a Chinaman gathered inside the usual stocking or leggings. The outlines of the figure, too, are wholly man-like. As photographs cannot try we can only suppose that the "P. D.R." again responsible for the misdescription. The picture is a good one and very effectively renders the habitually placid Buddhist expression which is so conspicuous in all eastern devotees. Plate IV. "A Woman of the laboring class, Amoy, China," represents what appears to us to be more like the wife of some fairly well-to-do tradesman or shopkeeper than that of a common laborer. She has the well-fed and neatly dressed appearance of a woman in comfortable circumstances and hardly that of one accustomed to labour for her daily bread. Plate V. is the last, a capital picture of "A Man of the laboring class, Amoy," engaged in the manufacture of fishing line. The photograph gives a good idea of the Amoy type of face and shows the man working beside the quays, to which they object as a sign of servitude. The wall of the Chinese hut which forms the background has been crumpled, probably by some juvenile Chinese artist, with studies of ships. Mr. Price's album when completed will make a valuable and interesting souvenir for persons visiting the Far East who wish to obtain characteristic pictures of the inhabitants of the various provinces for the information and amusement of their less travelled friends. The photographs show considerable artistic talent and their reproduction in collotype reflects credit upon whoever is responsible for

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's race tomorrow will be over a 13-mile course, starting from the Police Pier at Kowloon, round Kowloon Rock and Channel Rocks and dingy off pier, all to starboard.

News dated Cebu January 20th has reached India. Not the slightest reference is made therein to anything having happened to Sir Salter Pyne. The rumour regarding his death is obviously untrue. — *Times of India*.

The *Japan Mail* says:—The hitch which has occurred in the reduction of telegraph rates to Japan is said to have been caused by the Japanese authorities refusing to sanction the collection of payment by the Great Northern Telegraph Company in effective francs. The Chinese, on the other hand, have agreed to the collection. One of the rules of the Telegraph Convention is that rates for telegrams from either side shall be equal in value, and the difficulty which the Japanese have raised is very unfortunate. Their decision is likely to raise grumbling in China.

TURF NOTES AND ANTICIPATIONS.

A fair amount of galloping was done this morning. The two contingents were amongst the number extended and one of them, Red Fish, did his 13 mile in capital time, finishing full of running. This is a grand little pony and as he will probably have the advantage of a skilful pilot whenever he starts I fully expect him to pull off at least three events. Asprant was out in blankets and got over half a mile in 53 seconds. He came back to the stable looking fit to "paw" another mile without distressing himself in the slightest degree and I shall, therefore, not be surprised to see him start in the Derby despite persistent rumours to the contrary. It is true enough that he threw Mr. Burkill, who was to ride him, and that in so doing injured himself slightly, but he seems to have got over the trouble. However, appearances are often deceptive and I have therefore done my best to ascertain whether he will start or not, with the result that he would decide this afternoon about scratching him and added that Asprant will start for the Derby and possibly Foreman as well. Up to the hour of closing this page I have been unable to find out what Mr. David's decision is. The *Telegraph's* readers can, however, rely on me to report the decision as soon as I am in possession of it. As there is so much uncertainty about Asprant I have entered him as a probable starter, but in view of the fact that Mr. Burkill had a nasty spill off another pony some days ago and has been ordered by his medical adviser to return to Shanghai I am unable to say who will ride him if he starts, neither can I say who will mount Asprant and Foreman. I expect to know more about it on Monday, after the final gallops.

In accordance with "ole custom" I now give the probable starters and riders for the first day's racing and will in due course deal with the second and third day's event:—

WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.
Pony. Rider.
Straightforward.....Mr. Boyd
Congo.....Mr. Boyd
Black Rock.....Mr. Reynell
Provost Marshal.....Capt. Hunt
Cherry Brandy.....Mr. Master
Silver Bell.....Mr. Master
Gladiator.....Dr. Noble

ASHLEY CUP.
Dunblane.....Mr. Boyd
Comet.....Mr. Reynell
Shiney William.....Capt. Hunt
Competition.....Mr. H. Sampson
Toccin.....Mr. Master
Rottet.....Mr. Crawford
Grey Leg.....Dr. Noble
Beltinger.....Mr. Cox

MAIDEN STAKES.
Rookwood.....Mr. Boyd
White Violet.....Mr. Reynell
Foreman.....Mr. Master
Red Fish.....Mr. Master
Glenmore.....Mr. Crawford
Polo.....Mr. F. H. May
The Rogue.....Mr. Cox

VALLEY STAKES.
Hopeful.....Mr. Reynell
Gambler.....Capt. Hunt
Chin Chin.....Mr. H. Sampson
Croxton.....Mr. Master
Creston.....Mr. Master
Glenfleur.....Mr. Crawford
Landstar.....Mr. Boyd
Humburg.....Dr. Noble
Dacapo.....Mr. Cox
Harkaway.....Capt. Loveband
Wakelaw Joe.....Mr. Boyd
Little Owl.....Mr. Boyd

FOOCHOW CUP.
Slimes.....Mr. M. Jones
Boozy Awkins.....Mr. Boyd
Surprise.....Mr. Reynell
Pineapple.....Mr. Master
Kilroy.....Mr. Cox

THE DAREY.
Sloaf.....Mr. M. Jones
Rookwood.....Mr. Boyd
White Rose.....Mr. Reynell
Black Eagle.....Mr. Master
Asprant.....Mr. Master
Aokurle.....Mr. Master
Foreman.....Mr. Master
Blue-fire.....Mr. M. Jones
Crabapple.....Mr. Gresson
Red Fish.....Mr. Master
Silver Bell.....Mr. Master
Glendubb.....Mr. Crawford
Seaview.....Mr. H. Buck

LOREANO CUP.
Straightforward.....Mr. Boyd
Dunblane.....Mr. Boyd
Comet.....Mr. Reynell
Shiney William.....Capt. Hunt
Competition.....Mr. H. Sampson
Heatherbell.....Mr. Master
Boomerang.....Mr. Gresson
Slander.....Mr. M. Jones
Rottet.....Mr. Crawford

HONGKONG CLUB CUP.
Kartash.....Mr. Boyd
Black Eagle.....Mr. Reynell
Sibbad.....Capt. Hunt
Pineapple.....Mr. Master
Bravo.....Mr. Cox
Blue-fire.....Mr. M. Jones

If Asprant does not start for the Derby then Crabapple should start favourite, with White Rose and Glendubb next in demand. I have purposely placed over Rogue, for I hear he is not in the same class with the "cracks" and so is not likely to start. Slimes is likely to be a hot favourite for the Fochow Cup, while Glendubb

Hermes and Humburg are likely to be landed for the Valley.

I still fancy Red Fish for the Maidens and think he and Polo will be seen well to the fore as soon as the field turns into the Straight. Comet is expected to win the Ashley Cup. He is in capital condition and going freely and should, I think, be able to stall off all challenges. Provost Marshal seems to be greatly fancied for the Wongneichong Stakes, but I think Straightforward will show him his heels if he is piloted by a skilful rider.

I shall be able to give your readers a lot of interesting news in my next budget for tomorrow and on Monday a lot of galloping, with weight up, will be done.

The silver cup presented by the Lusitano Club for the forthcoming meeting is now on view at Messrs Falconer & Co's store, Queen's Road. The trophy, which is called the Lusitano Cup, is 24 in. in height and is handsome design with two handles. In front it is richly chased and displays a well-embossed racing scene, besides other ornamentation. At Messrs Gaupp & Co's the German Cup is on exhibition and is a handsome piece of work of a massive silver gilt tankard and is the form of the work of German silversmiths. Both the above trophies make prizes that any sportsman would be glad to see adorning his sideboard, and it is to be hoped that some first class racing will be seen when they are being competed for at Happy Valley in a few days' time.

I see the *Times* has found out that the number of griffins shipped from Tientsin to Shanghai last year was 539 as against 473 in 1895 and 167 in 1894.

EARLY BIRD.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the above Corporation was held at the City Hall to-day, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1896. Mr. A. McCoskie presided and there were also present Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Messrs. St. C. Michaelson, C. Seemann, M. D. Eckle, R. M. Gray, R. L. Richardson, D. R. Sassoon, N. A. Siebs (Directors), J. Jackson (Chief Manager), A. Coxon, G. Stewart, V. A. C. Hawkins, Hon. C. P. Chater, C. J. Goncalves, P. A. Buxton, Henderson, C. S. Sharp, E. S. Wheeler, W. H. Ray, C. A. Tomes, P. Sachse, Lau Wai Chan, H. H. Nemess, S. B. Blabhorn, J. A. Chalmers, E. W. W. Lyngst, Hon. E. R. Bellis, M. H. Michael, F. H. Buck, C. Palmer, J. H. Lewis, W. B. Bamsay, D. D. Gardner, H. M. Mehta, W. H. Gaskell, A. Conis, S. Hancock, S. F. Dowdell, S. S. Benjamin, G. C. Cox, Capt. Goddard, G. de Champeaux, G. H. Potts, R. C. Wilcox, and others.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the Directors are glad to meet you again with a very favourable report for the last half-year. We propose to pay what has now become the usual dividend of £1. 5/- per share and place five lakhs of dollars to the Reserve Fund. At the last meeting I advised you that we had sold £1,185,000 of our holdings of Consols, the profit on which, say £1,185,000 is included in the accounts now submitted. Our holding of Consols remains at £500,000 standing at £9. Our other investments both in sterling and rupees stand in our books at very favourable rates. I am glad to say that we have a large portion of the profit upon the loans we recently participated in still unappropriated, same will go to enrich future profit and loss accounts, and will help to maintain a steady dividend of £1. 5/- per share in 1897 as well as in good ones hereafter. In the past we are doing well, and we are confident of realizing it. (Applause) Messrs and Mrs. were in Eastern banking. We cannot see that the future will bring us any relief in this respect. It is therefore sound policy to husband our resources, and in building up our reserve as we are doing we are accomplishing two desirable ends: first, improving (if that be possible) the credit of the Bank, and secondly, rendering it all the easier in future half-years to place before you satisfactory reports. In my speech at the last meeting I alluded to the large amount of sterling that was then deposited with us in London in current account belonging to the Chinese Government. Our London current account then aggregated £6,315,097. A considerable amount of said funds has since been withdrawn, reducing the sterling current accounts to £3,886,564 on the 31st December. A corresponding reduction has taken place in our cash balance, say £25,765,782 on the 31st December, as against £32,400,687 on the 30th June, 1896. Our fixed deposits in gold are less by £1,440,000 than were six months ago, being £2,658,307 against £4,098,307. Bills receivable on the 31st December aggregated £8,217,513, as against £7,727,698 the previous half-year. The decrease of money in Europe during the half-year brought a good deal of business to the Eastern banks, and our funds were fully and profitably employed during most of the time. So much for the past. As for the future, we look forward hopefully, and although there are more banks in the field than there formerly were, there is no doubt that the volume of the Eastern trade is steadily increasing, and the tendency is to go on in the same direction. The deplorable famine in India and outbreak of plague there are interfering very much with business in that great dependency. Let us hope that the efforts now so freely and so generously being made will be crowned with success, and that the dark clouds will soon pass by. In conclusion, we hope that the year entered upon will be equal to any of its predecessors, and while we are fortunate enough to have our management continued with the aid and ability which so signally characterise our Chief Manager and his staff, we may look forward with every confidence to the future. (Applause.)

No questions being asked, the Chairman then moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. E. S. Wheeler, in seconding the motion, said that he had great pleasure in doing so. The Directors had expressed their pleasure in being able to present such a report, but the shareholders had not been able to do so. He thought they were to be treated and that provision was made for dividends in good and bad years alike, as nothing would so maintain the bank in its present proud position. They could look forward to increased trade even if there was increased competition, and in the future, as in the past, the bank would hold its own, doing the lion's share of trade in the Far East and long continue to be the bank. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously. On the motion of Mr. Ray seconded by Mr. J. H. Lewis, the appointment of Messrs. C. Seemann and R. L. Richardson to the Board were confirmed.

Messrs F. Henderson and C. S. Sharp were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. P. Sachse, seconded by Mr. G. Stewart. The Chairman announced that the dividend warrants would be ready on Monday and the meeting would be terminated.

The British and Netherlands Governments have appointed experts to confer at Brussels on the 25th instant, with Professor Dr. Martens, of St. Petersburg, the Russian authority on international law, with a view to settling the long-standing *Costa Rica* case. Captain Brice, well-known in the Dundee whaling trade, will represent Britain.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine Relief Fund begs to acknowledge receipt of the undernoted subscriptions:—

Already acknowledged	£18,734
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.	500
Canton Insurance Office	500
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd.	250
R. M. Gray	200
P. & O. Co's Staff	115
J. J. dos Remedios & Co.	100
Jensen & Co.	100
H. Wickham	100
J. R. Michael	100
N. D. Olla	100
William's Circus	75
Capt. C. V. Lloyd	50
Dr. J. M. Atkinson	50
V. A. Cairns Hawkins	50
J. Hastings	50
J. V. V. V. V.	50
MacEwen, Frickel & Co.	50
N. J. Saunders	50
Barnie & Goddard	50
I. Thurnham	50
Rev. R. F. Cobbold	50
J. L. Chuttoo	35
Augustus	25
Erich Georg	25
Noronha & Co.	25
Charles Ford	25
Capt. L. A. C. Gordon, R. A.	10
A. F. F.	10
A. M. V. de Figueiredo	10
Frank S. Shaw	10
L. C. R.	10
F. D. Guedes	10
H. J. M. Carvalho	5
D. A. S.	5
J. A. Carvalho	5
Total to date	£31,534

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.
Subscription Lists will be found in the various Banks, stores, and Clubs in the Colony.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

A REVIEW OF THE BOMBAY OUTBREAK.
On the 25th ultimo the Bombay correspondent of the *Indian Daily News* wrote to Calcutta reporting the gist of a letter in the *Times of India* as follows:—Plague has been present in Bombay since August last, but was not officially recognized until the last week in September, when it was described in the weekly mortality return ending 29th September as "bubonic fever." This name is still adhered to. We have no concern with the vagaries of disease nomenclature, nor do the public care greatly what name plague is called by. Everyone knows that Bombay is stricken with plague, and that we are having a new visitation of the pestilence. How severe that visitation is, we shall now proceed to show. Our research goes back to the week ending the 29th of September, when, as we have said, the pestilence was first recognized in the weekly mortality statistics published by authority. We have thus to deal with the published returns of the last seventeen weeks. By eliminating from the total number of deaths that have been recorded during these weeks the mortality from all causes except plague, equivalent to that from the same causes during the corresponding weeks in the previous five years, we were able to arrive at the true plague mortality, the total plague deaths being 9,879. Since the beginning of last month the mortality assumed epidemic proportions, and for the last six weeks the weekly number of deaths has ranged from 500 to 1,200 and there are no signs of an abatement. Instead of diminishing it has increased to double proportions, inasmuch as the population is reduced by fully fifty per cent. The municipal official returns only recognize a total of 2,996 plague deaths up to date, but these official returns have long since been generally set aside as of no serious value. The returns we now publish may be accepted as very near the truth. As we have not dealt with the mortality statistics of four of the five weeks previous to the recognition of plague by the municipal authorities, and it being certain that many plague deaths occurred in August and the first three weeks of September, the actual plague mortality of Bombay up to date is probably in the order of 10,000, or three times greater than the number recognized by the Health Department. Ten thousand is a convenient number, it is a number which makes us anxious to know when we may expect an abatement of the mortality.

AN ENORMOUS DEATH RATE.

There were 54 cases and 60 deaths reported from the plague yesterday. Many places such as Mandvi are being cleansed and people are returning to their houses. There is a tendency on the part of the people to be less obstructive to sanitary officials and to render them assistance. The record of mortality for the past week shows an excess over the previous weeks, having reached a total of 1,778 deaths. From all causes, being a daily mortality of 257 and showing an excess of 1,257 deaths above the mean of the corresponding weeks in the previous five years. The mortality has thus quadrupled, without making any allowance for the absence of one-half of the population. The death-rate, reckoned on the population of the last census, is 109.78.

To-day's plague report shows 65 cases and 66 deaths.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, January 27th.
A Social Democratic Federation manifesto ascribes the Indian Famine to the official policy of greed and oppression. It describes the Famine Fund as a hypocritical attempt to cover ingenuously by spurious charity.

January 21st.
A fortnight's quarantine is now imposed at Gibraltar on all arrivals from India.

CALCUTTA, January 22nd.
Over Rs. 2,60,000 has been subscribed in Calcutta for the famine fund.

January 23rd.
The Bombay Government is now stepping in to try and stamp out the plague. Surgeon-Major Sireet has been appointed Sanitary Commissioner with 20 medical men, and 1,000 scavengers will clean the drains and whitewash all infected houses.

Mr. S. E. J. Clarke, Secretary to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, died to-day. Mr. Clarke was seriously ill two days and succumbed to syncope of the heart; his loss is a very heavy one to the Chamber.

LONDON, January 24th.
Mr. Balfour, replying to a question in the House from Mr. Maclean, said that until the losses by famine and the plague were known it would be premature to offer a grant of public money to aid the Indian Exchequer, and that there was no precedent for such a course.

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At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Famine Fund it has been decided to telegraph for aid to New York, the Mayor of all principal American and New Zealand towns, the Governor-General of Canada, to Hongkong, Singapore, Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Shanghai. The list of subscriptions just published show Rs. 26,726 have been received by the Honorary Secretary of the Relief Fund, besides Rs. 1,13,000 promised and not paid yet. Sir John Meir, at home, is at present the largest contributor to the Fund with £5,000. The Baroness Hirsch has given the sum of £50,000 with which to found a phthisis hospital in England for children.

THE PARTITION OF CHINA.
It may be respectfully suggested to the representatives of German commerce who, according to the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle*, are engaged in discussing plans for the partition of China, that they are a little premature. The new Russo-German treaty appears to have caused great excitement in Germany, where the increasing influence of Russia in Northern China is not unnaturally regarded with considerable alarm. It is considered that eventually Russia will dominate the whole of Northern China as far as the Yellow River, and German students of Far Eastern affairs are kind enough to also hold the opinion that England has a right of prescriptive right to all China south of the Yangtze, with the exception of Yunnan, which should be added to the Indo-Chinese possessions of France. German aspirations, however, are modest, for Germany will be satisfied with the cession of the rich belt of country between the Yangtze-kiang and Yellow rivers. What Japan would say, how the United States would appreciate the wholesale division of one of her most important markets, and, finally, what would be the attitude of the Chinese themselves, are points calmly ignored by these airy projectors of new kingdoms. But while such schemes for the partition of China may very properly evoke a certain well-earned scorn, the operations of Russia in Northern China should be closely watched in Europe and America.

British has no desire for territorial aggrandisement in China, and simply wishes that the whole Empire should be thrown open for purposes of trade, and that equal commercial facilities should be enjoyed by all nations. With such a policy Germany and the United States should be in complete accord. Germany is too heavily handicapped by responsibilities in Europe to attempt the gigantic task of holding a portion of China. The United States is precluded from such a course by cardinal rules of abstention from enterprises of conquest. Both nations are, however, vitally interested in preserving the markets of China from outside interference, and whatever their differences elsewhere, they should have no difficulty in joining with Great Britain in resisting any attempt at territorial extension on the part of the powers now threatening the independence of China or her northern and southern borders. These are the lines upon which, in her own interest, the policy of Germany in the Far East should be based. — *Times of India*.

THE FUTILITY OF FORECASTS.

It does not at first sight appear unreasonable for anyone at the beginning of a new year to forecast the course of European politics for the coming twelve months. The data are very well known, the percentages who influence events are fairly understood, and affairs usually flow on in a certain well-known groove, which are channelled in the deeper because certain incidents of importance—like the meeting of Parliament in Great Britain, France and Germany and the new President's first Message in America—occur at anticipated and fixed dates. As a matter of fact, however, nothing can be more futile than such forecasts in regard to the politics of Europe, more especially at the present time. The action of the nations depends upon at least three sets of wholly uncalculable quantities, viz., incidents, the determinations of individuals, and the outbreak of one among the populations. It is simply impossible to predict what may happen in any week in Paris to alter the attitude of the Republic, or what may occur in Constantinople rendering intervention in Turkey unavoidable, or what may break out in the Far East with an immediate reflex action upon the politics of Europe. It is equally conceivable that all may remain as it is, and that a sort of volcano may burst out in Macedonia, that the European Alliance may remain politically distributed as at present, or may suddenly be redistributed by an event of moment in Morocco, or a furious breach of force from Washington to Madrid, the force of Great Britain might be paralyzed by military insurrection in India, or all the armies of the Continent be reduced to inaction by an event so strikingly available for the destruction of life that all alike must pause until, at vast expense, the Governments have included it in their organization for war. Then, as to the influence of individuals, the decisions of persons, may as they are by hopes, fears, intellectual excesses of folly, are absolutely uncalculable. The most experienced diplomatist will not venture to predict what the present Sultan of Turkey will do on any given day, or the German Emperor, or the American President, or the nearly unknown Emperor of Japan; and any one of these could, by an act, a speech, or a threat turn the whole current of the world's affairs, introducing not only new tasks, but wholly unexpected combinations among the nations of Europe, and the destinies of mankind. For the most reasonable Zerkel to reckon only with individual decisions, unpermeated as they may be, he may be baffled by the force of Nature, which act on impulses entirely beyond our ken. There are at least five individuals in Europe—the three Emperors, the Sultan, and K. Faure—the death of any one of whom would upset all calculations, and give all action pause; and perhaps six other persons, the principal being Lord Salisbury, M. Hanotaux, Count de Serey, and Prince Bismarck, whose disappearance would bring about the current of events. These, of course, are the emotions of the nations now so easily stirred, and so powerful a factor in national action, who would have cleared of all England waking up one morning to find itself confronted with news which made the whole nation, without distinction of parties, feel itself ready for battle, and that with another nation with which we have never crossed sword on dreamed of a serious conflict. It would take long to compel the German Emperor, even if he were to lay to rest the Triple Alliance at last in motion, making all the tremendous consequences which must follow that explicit. Arrangements of feeling in Paris might in a day undo all that diplomats have done to preserve, and might a similar surge among the Mussulman multitude of Constantinople, of whose governing thoughts and influences no diplomatist or statesman is really understood anything. whatever Eastern Europe is more passive, and, as a rule, more easily led, than Western Europe; but they are strangely subject to fits, both of panic and excitement, verging upon madness, and their own leaders or rulers never pretend to give an intelligible explanation. — *Edinburgh*.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourth annual meeting of the China Association was held at the Shanghai Club on February 8th, the chair being taken by Mr. R. Campbell. The Chairman in his address referred to the proposed ordinance affecting shipping at Hongkong and said "It was fortunate that the Hongkong Government were able to advise the British Government that it should be withdrawn. While on the subject of Hongkong I may be permitted to mention that it is the intention of the Hongkong Government to continue a tax, which, so far as I know, is a tax levied solely for the purpose of providing a lighthouse or lights for shipping along Hongkong Harbour. After providing that light or having helped to provide it, we were flabbergasted to find the tax was to be continued. I have no hesitation in saying that the tax was entirely improper and unjust, and I hope that when the matter has been more fully considered, the Hongkong Government will see fit not to rob Hongkong of its proud title of a free port by taxing shipping that visits the port for the purpose of retaining a tax for the sole good of the property holders in the colony."

Messrs. E. F. Alford, E. A. Probst, C. Dowdell, E. R. Hewitt, C. J. Dodgson, E. B. Skottowe, A. Wright, J. J. Scott, and J. O. P. Bland were elected a Committee for the ensuing year.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-eighth ordinary General meeting to be held at the offices of the General Managers on Friday, the 26th instant, at noon:—

The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in laying before the shareholders the twenty-eighth annual report of the Company.

1896 Account.—This account, which is now finally closed, shows a profit of \$16,879.93, which sum, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

Bonus to contributing shareholders...\$19,191.30
Addition to Reserve Fund...21,688.00
Dividend of \$22 per share...176,000.00
\$216,879.93

1896 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$304,817.70.

Surveys.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee are satisfied from the valuations made by the Company's Surveyors in Hongkong and Shanghai, that the properties held by the Company are good for the advances made.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. S. G. Bird having left the colony, Mr. F. Matland was nominated to the vacant seat, and his appointment requires to be confirmed. The present members, Messrs. Chater, Lewis, Ezekiel, Ross and Matland, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Officers.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Fullerton Henderson and A. Coxon, whose re-election is recommended.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, Hongkong, 11th February, 1897.

FOOCHOW RACES.

PROGRAMME OF THE SPRING MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 17th and 18th March, 1897.

Stewards:—H. Baker, Esq.; H. Edgar, Esq.; Thos. Glittin, Esq.; W. Graham, Esq.; W. Krohn, Esq.; J. C. Oswald, Esq.; and A. W. Walkshaw, Esq.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1897.
THE FLATWAY STAKES, of £5 each with \$50 added; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Seven furlongs. One mile.

THE SPRING CUP, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Seven furlongs. One mile.

THE AMOY CUP, presented, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Seven furlongs. One mile.

THE YUKEN CUP, of \$10 each; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Seven furlongs. One mile.

THE FAREWELL CUP, presented, value \$100; for all Fochow owned China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; previous non-starters 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$5. One mile.

THE RACING STAKES, of \$5 each, with \$50 added for the first pony and \$25 for second pony; for Fochow and Amoy subscription ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; previous non-starters 7 lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

THE NANTAI STAKES, of \$10 each, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent, to the first, second, and third ponies; a forced entry for all ponies entered at this meeting, except those entered only for the Hack; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

THE STAMPS STAKES, of \$5 each, with \$50 for the first pony and \$25 for the second pony; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; previous non-starters 7 lbs. extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

THE HACK STAKES, of \$5 each with \$50 added for each starter; for all China ponies not otherwise entered; for jockeys who have never had a winning mount in China or Hongkong previous to this meeting; weights 100 lbs. ponies that have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Once round.

THE CONSOLATION CUP, value \$100; for all *Don't-fide* beaten ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

THE CHAMPION STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; a forced entry for and open only to winners of the Hack and Consolation Cup; winners of two races \$15 extra; of more than two races \$25 extra; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

THE WINKER PLATE, value \$100; for all China ponies; weights 110 lbs. non-winners at this meeting allowed 7 lbs. riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. entrance \$5. Three-quarters of a mile.

N.B.—Races close on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 4 p.m.

NOT A N D A.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer.....30.141—
Thermometer.....57.3
Humidity.....79
Rainfall.....1.76 inches.

TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT.
On date at On date at
10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer.....30.40 30.26
Thermometer.....53 54
Humidity.....57 59
Rainfall.....

Saturday, 13th February, 1897.
Chinese.—12th of 1st moon of 23rd year of Jewish.—11th Adar, 5657. (Kwong-shi, Mohammedan.—10th Ramadan, 1311.)

Sun.—Rise.....6 a.m. 5.45 a.m.
Sets.....6.45 a.m. 6.45 a.m.
High water—Afternoon.....6.45 a.m.
Low water—Morning.....1.30 a.m.
No inferior high or low water.

ANNIVERSARIES.
1692—Massacre of Glencoe.
1771—Dissolution of the Co-Hong at Canton.
1841—The *Typhoon*, *Kifu* stranded near Tientsin and was captured by the Chinese.
1857—Accession of the Mughal Emperor.
1875—Outbreak of coverts in Singapore Gaoi.
1895—Census of Portuguese residents of Hongkong taken by the Portuguese Consul.

TO-MORROW, Sunday, 14th February, 1897.
(Septuagesima, St. Valentine's Day).
Chinese.—13th of 1st moon of 23rd year of Jewish.—12th Adar, 5657. (Kwong-shi, Mohammedan.—11th Ramadan, 1311.)

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th Idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1897. [183]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of Hung-Ham Island Lot Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extension to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hung-Ham Island Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [207]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st Idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,

HART BUCK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [273]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 1, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock Noon, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 23rd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1897. [206]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1897. [216]

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to Noon of 31st March next, at the OFFICES of the Company, both in BRISBANE and SINGAPORE, for 15,000 CONTRIBUTING SHARES of £1 each Paid-up to 12s. 6d. each in the RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Tenders, which should be sealed and superscribed "TENDER FOR UNALLOTTED SHARES," must quote a price in Sterling per Share for a minimum of 200 Shares or for any multiple of 200 Shares up to the maximum of 10,000 Shares and must be accompanied by 25s. 6d. deposit per Share, which will be returned in case no allotment is made.

SCRIP will be issued on BRISBANE or SINGAPORE REGISTER to suit Purchasers. The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK, Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [202]

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND OF ONE SHILLING per Share has been Declared PAYABLE on 15th March, 1897, in BRISBANE in respect of Shares on the Brisbane Register, and in SINGAPORE in respect of Shares on the Singapore Register.

Notice is hereby given that the SINGAPORE BRANCH REGISTER will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, 1897, inclusive.

Notice is also given that the Transfer of Shares from the BRISBANE REGISTER to the SINGAPORE REGISTER on 15th March will be given effect to after and February, 1897, until 15th March, 1897.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK, Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897. [203]

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A GENTLEMAN OF GOOD POSITION occupying a FINE HOUSE (higher-level) with 10 ROOMS and big TENNIS GROUND wishes to share the House with One or Two Gentlemen; if agreeable. A Mess could be arranged.

Correspondence invited sub.

W. W.

c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [189]

Intimations.

It is **WASTE OF TIME** for us to "puff" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP
AND
CHAMPAGNE BITTERS,
are number ONE.

Proprietors,

WATKINS & CO.,

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [13]

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THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Flayson Green, SINGAPORE, on THURSDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

By Order of the Directors,

A. S. MURRAY, Secretary.

290] THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above COMPANY will be CLOSED from 15th March to 25th March, 1897, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

A. S. MURRAY, Secretary.

291] THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the INTEREST OF DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, in the Business heretofore carried on by them at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY CEASED and DETERMINED on the 14th Instant.

Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED before the 14th Instant will be PAID by the Underigned who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts DUE to the said Firm.

The BUSINESS will be carried on in the future under the Style of "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY."

For "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"

J. R. CAPELL, Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [219]

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE OFFICES of the above COMPANY will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 12.45 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th Instant, respectively.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD., N. J. EDE, Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD., L. KENNARD DAVIS, Acting Agent.

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD., W. H. RAY, Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD., SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

YANKEE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD., GEORGE L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD., WM. MACBRAIN, Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD., Hongkong, 12th February, 1897. [288]

THE GRILL ROOM, 4, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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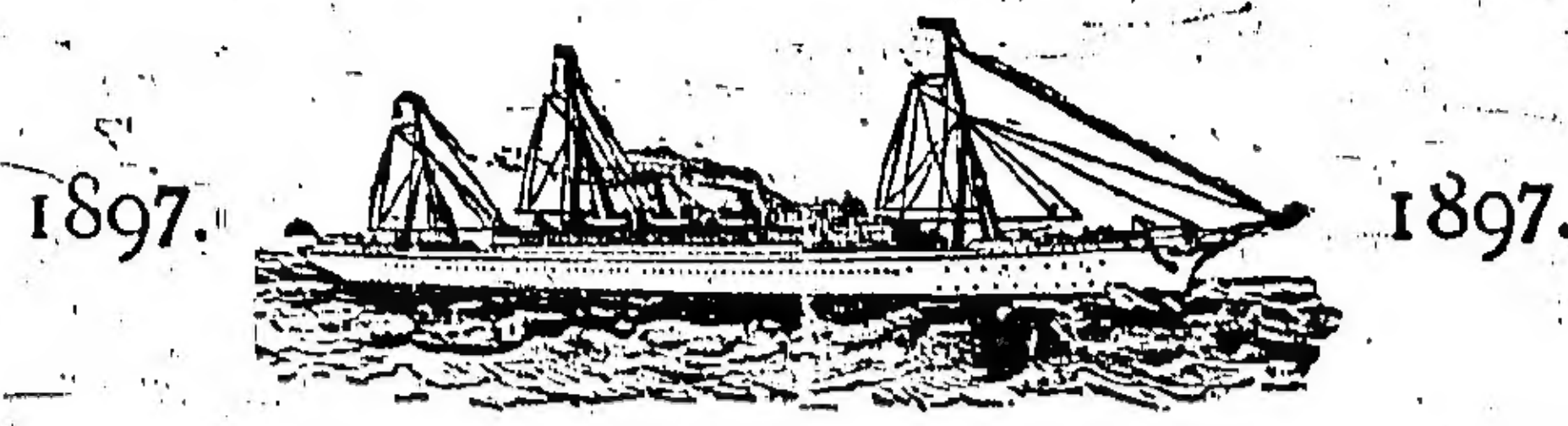
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [67]

Intimations.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE



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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 17th February.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Fybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.
EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal ports and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Wednesday, 24th Feb., at Daylight.

Gauche (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 1st April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "COPTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1897, at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [2]

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Hongkong, 10th May, 1896. [19]

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Braemar	3,501	Thursday	Feb. 18.
Tacoma	2,550	Tuesday	Mar. 2.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday	Mar. 23.
Olympia	2,508	Tuesday	April 1.
Braemar	3,501	Tuesday	May 4.

THE Steamship "BRAEMAR," Captain Porter, sailing at Noon on THURSDAY, the 18th February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [4]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, FLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship "RAVENNA," Captain C. T. Denry, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 25th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London, under arrangement, will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1897. [5]

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD, NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prussia	1,200	Tuesday	1st March.
Sachsen	1,200	Tuesday	30th March.
Bayern	1,200	Tuesday	27th April.
Prussia	1,200	Tuesday	25th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRUSSIA," Captain F. W. Witten, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 27th Feb. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 1st March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 1st March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25 lbs. and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Livers can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1897. [225]

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